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LETTER DATED 6 FEBRUARY 1992 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the statement which my predecessor made to the members of the Security Council, at an informal meeting on 20 December 1991, about the request which he had received from the Government of the People's Republic of Angola that the United Nations should (a) provide technical assistance to assist that Government in preparing elections which are scheduled to take place in September of this year; and (b) send United Nations observers in order to follow the Angolan electoral procedure until it is completed.

Work has since proceeded on plans for the provision of such assistance. An agreement on technical assistance has already been signed with the Government of Angola. As regards observation of the election by the United Nations, I shall shortly be in a position to present to the Security Council the necessary operational plan, together with a recommendation that the Security Council authorize the addition of this function to the mandate already entrusted to the Secretary-General in connection with the implementation of the Peace Accords for Angola.

Meanwhile I have decided that it is desirable to appoint a senior United Nations official to coordinate the current and projected activities of the United Nations in connection with the Angola Peace Accords. The Special Representative will be in overall charge of these activities and will also be the Chief of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM II). I expect to recommend in the report referred to above that, in addition to the existing military observers and police monitors and the existing civilian staff, UNAVEM II should be enlarged to include an Electoral Division. The Chief Military Observer will continue to command the military and police activities of UNAVEM II, under the overall authority of the Special Representative, through whom he will report.

It is my intention to appoint Ms. Margaret Joan Anstee, currently Director-General of the United Nations Office in Vienna, to the post of Special Representative, with immediate effect. I have informed President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, President of the People's Republic of Angola, and

Dr. Jonas Savimbi, President of the Union for the Total Independence for Angola (UNITA), of my intention to appoint Ms. Anstee and both have welcomed the proposal. I have asked Ms. Anstee to give priority to finalizing planning for observation of the election by the United Nations, so that I can present the necessary report to the Security Council as soon as possible.

I should be grateful if you would convey the above information to the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI